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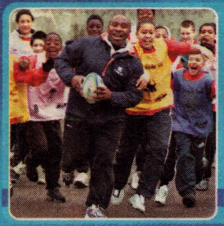

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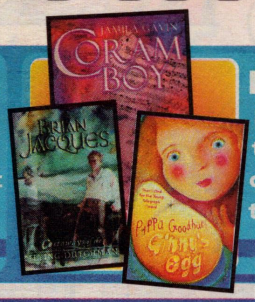

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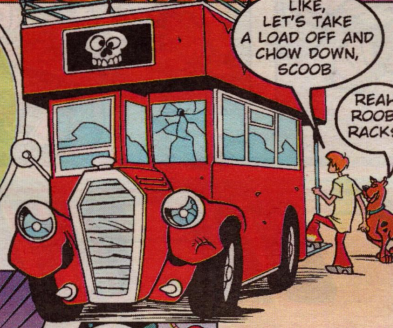

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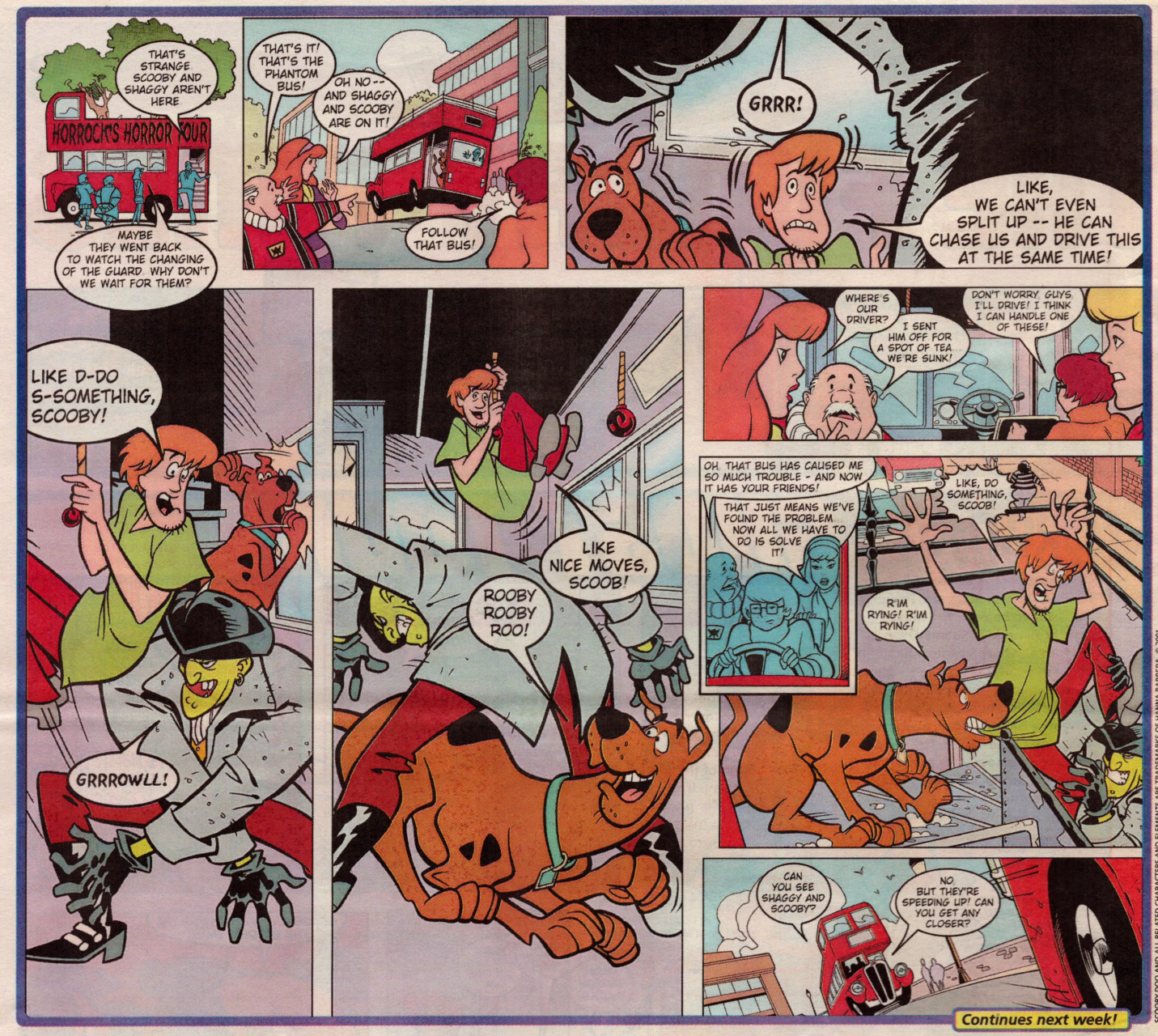

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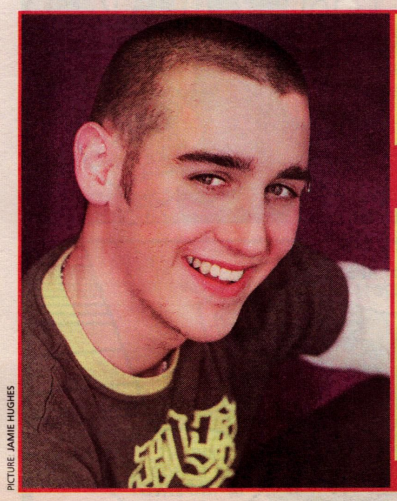
BOOM! ON THE LINE



PICTURE: JAMIE HUGHES

This week, Shaun from Boom! gives us a call to chat about what the band are up to

Hi Funday,
I'm on my mobile because I'm on the way to the gym at the moment. I don't have far to go though because there's a gym in the building that Nick and I live in. We both try to go to the gym every second day, which is what you're supposed to do to give your muscles time to rest, and I know that Johnny goes every now and then as well. But the Boom! girls, I have to tell you, you will never see them in a gym – they're really lazy! It's going to be a fun day today because a J17 reader has won a date with the Boom! boys. That should be a laugh and I think we're going to Planet Hollywood for lunch. She could chose whether she had a date with pop stars, footballers, models or TV presenters and she chose us, so that was quite flattering. But it's only me, Nick and Johnny that are doing that, so the lazy Boom! girls are probably still in bed today!
Next week, we're presenting Eye TV on ITV. I've not presented a TV programme before but I don't think I'll be nervous. Mind you, when you're in front of a camera it's hard to get a word in edgeways with Shakti around. What will probably happen is I will get tense and stutter my way through it, but hopefully not!

This our last Boom! column, but keep reading Funday to get the latest news on the band

Read the thrilling finale to Ghost Tour next week!

news

California dreaming

If you're going Stateside this year, look out for Disney's California Adventure – the new theme park that's just opened. As its name suggests, the $1.4 billion park is located on America's west coast, next door to the original Disneyland Park, in Los Angeles. The park's three lands are Hollywood Pictures Backlot, Golden State and Paradise Pier (shown below). The most spectacular ride is Soarin' Over California, where you fly a hang-glider over an IMAX screen – giving the impression that you're dangling over famous landmarks like Yosemite National Park, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. The park's colossal rollercoaster is called California Screamin', and for the less adventurous there's a mini coaster called Mulholland Madness.

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Plane weird

This might look like something from Star Wars, but be prepared – it could be the way we all fly in just 10 years' time. The unearthly-looking flying wing, called a BWB, is being developed by Boeing to carry 800 people at a time – that's twice as many as a jumbo jet! The design of the aircraft isn't new – it was actually created by Jack Northrop in the 1920s, but it has never been seriously considered for passenger travel until now.

Flying in the BWB will be a totally different experience for anyone who chooses to jump on board. Window seats will be very rare as the shape of the plane will mean most passengers only seeing the outside world via video screens attached to the seats in front of them. The BWB will fly at the same height and speed as a standard jumbo jet, but will use 25% less fuel and be much quieter. Keep your eyes on the skies – if Boeing goes ahead with its plan, the first prototype will be airborne within three years!

Cat chat

Misbehaving moggies could find themselves on the psychiatrist's couch as part of a new project aimed at solving the mystery of the cat's mind!

TV vet Rachel Casey, of Channel 4's Pet Rescue, has been given £250,000 by the Cats Protection Charity to set up a feline therapy department at Southampton University.

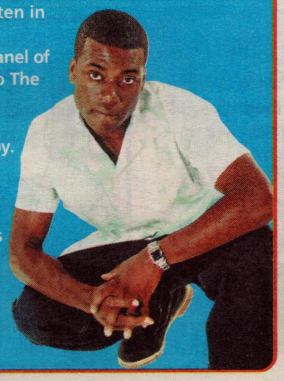
Over the next five years she will investigate why cats behave the way they do. Problem cats can be booked in for a two-hour session, during which Rachel will do a personality analysis and draw up a plan of action to get the patient back on the straight and narrow.

"We already know there is no point in shouting at a cat when it does something wrong," says Rachel. "They can't associate being told off with the idea that they're wrong. They can't understand any moral idea. As far as the cat's concerned your voice is changing for no reason and it is just likely to be scared."

Sweet dreams

If you just can't get enough sweets, here is some really good news – confectionery manufacturer Haribo is looking for taste testers! The candy company wants a panel of 10 young people to show off their expertise and judge sweets which have never been eaten in the UK before.

The selected panel of 10 boys and girls will be whisked off to The American Adventure theme park and greeted by Ortis (right) from Live & Kicking as well Haribo's mascot Hariboy. "To be a sweet-taster is my idea of a dream job," says Ortis. "I can't wait to meet the lucky winners and try the sweets for myself!"

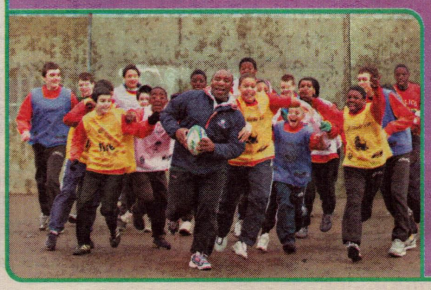


For more information about the competition and how to enter call 020 7419 7337.

Tackle this!

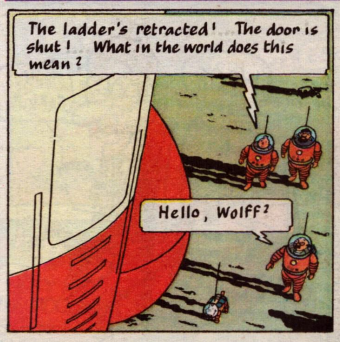
Do you fancy kicking like Neil Jenkins, running like Will Greenwood or tackling like Keith Wood? Don't dream about Six Nations glory, try and go for it with Lloyds TSB Live!

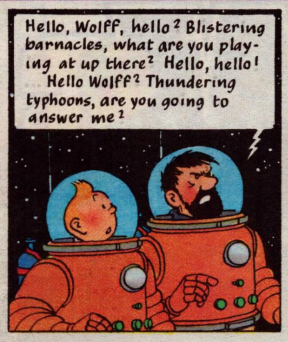
The eight-week rugby tour was recently launched by a fearless group of youngsters who tackled ex-England and Bath prop Victor Ubogu. "Lloyds TSB Live! is investing in the future of rugby by introducing the game to thousands of boys and girls who would not have ordinarily taken part," Victor tells Funday. As well as Victor, Phil de Glanville, John Bentley and England women's captain Paula George will be appearing on the tour, offering first-hand rugby advice and coaching to schools in England and Scotland. The tour is in Cornwall this week before heading for Scotland the week after. For more information on Lloyds TSB Live! click on www.live.lloydstsb.com

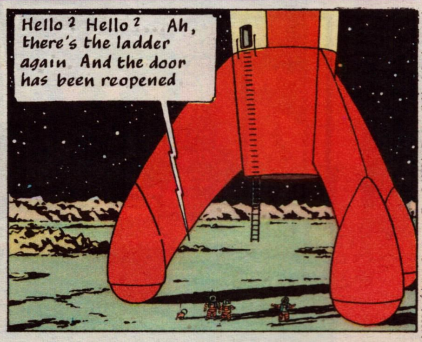


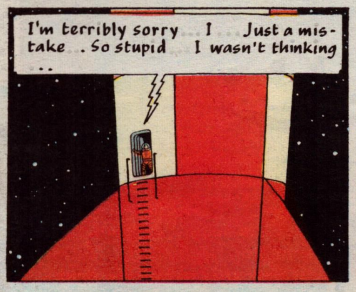
THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN EXPLORERS ON THE MOON

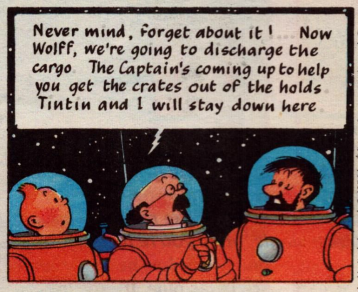
The story so far – The first few moments on the moon are not going to plan!

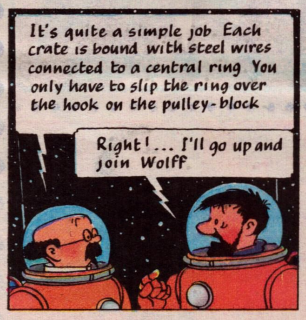


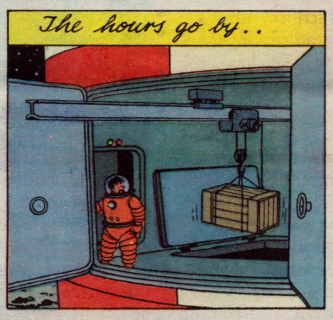


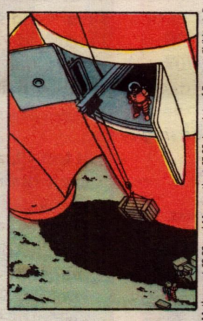


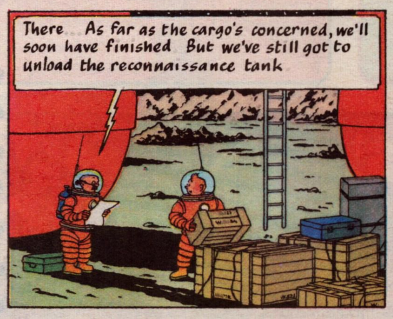


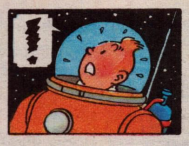


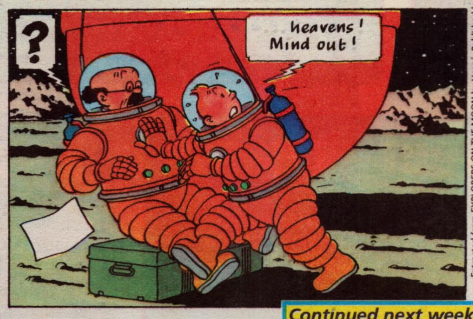












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DAGSY DOG

Woof, woof! Got any pet problems? Then get in touch with me at the address below!

I have two pets in my house at the moment, a hamster, which is mine, and a family cat. We are planning to get a dog from a rescue centre. The dog is meant to be good with cats but how should I introduce them without the cat getting scared or upset?

Amanda Kalloor, Coventry

Dogs and cats can live in harmony together but it can't be guaranteed and it depends on both the dog and the cat. Your cat will have set up her own territory in your house and if a dog arrives it is an invasion of this territory. Make sure your cat still feels she can have places where she can go that are safe where the dog cannot go, maybe by using a baby guard. Don't upset her routine and make sure she can eat, sleep and go to the toilet safely. You will have to give her attention first and plenty of it when the dog arrives.

Advice by Blue Cross vet Mark Bossley

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:
The Funday Times, Dagsy Dog, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST
You can now e-mail your pet problems to
dagsy.dog@sunday-times.co.uk

The Blue Cross, one of Britain's oldest animal welfare charities, has four animal hospitals, 11 adoption centres, and two equine centres. Last year the charity found homes for more than 9,000 animals and treated around 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

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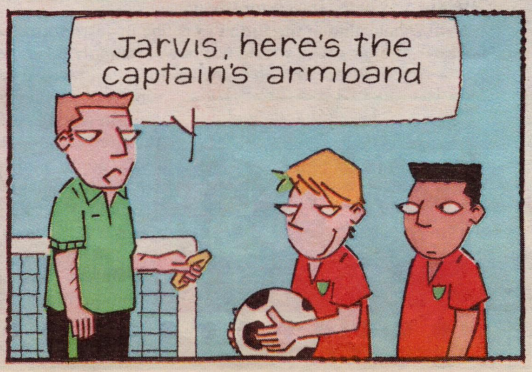
Jarvis



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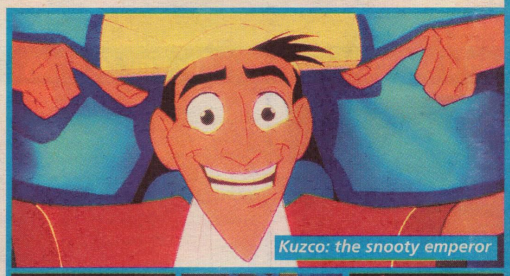
Kuzco: the snooty emperor

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GROOVY BABY!

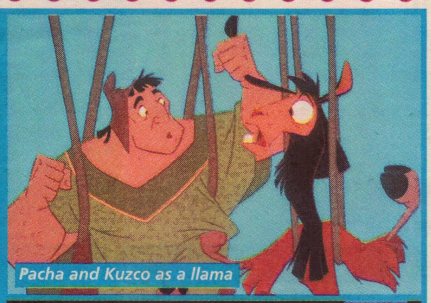
Llamas, laughs and no songs, it's Disney's new movie, The Emperor's New Groove

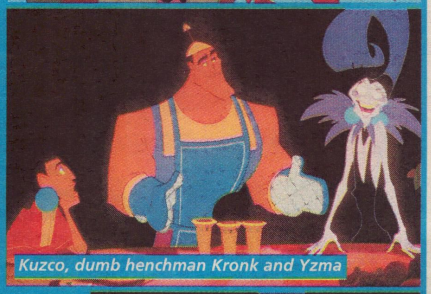
Disney movies are always popular, but are they very funny? Usually not, but that's now changed. Disney has pulled out all the stops to make its latest flick, The Emperor's New Groove, a good laugh.

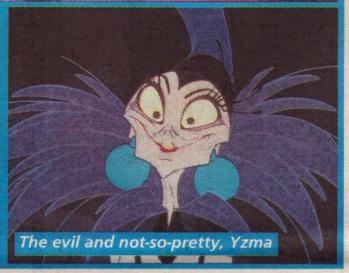
"Disney has been criticised for using a formula," explains producer Randy Fullmer. "So we decided to break the mould with this movie." Which is why the main character Kuzco is a snooty emperor who gets changed into a llama, there are hardly any songs and certainly no love story.

The film started life as a project called Kingdom Of The Sun, way back in 1995. "We tried to make Kingdom work but it just wasn't going anywhere," says Randy. "I wasn't even sure we were going to finish it at one point."

But finish it they did, despite the final film being a million miles from the original idea. "We decided to take things in a different direction when people at the studio started saying 'It's like Aladdin' or 'It's another Beauty And The Beast'," explains animator, Nik Ranieri. "It took ages to find the right face for Kuzco," adds Nik. "I came up with 50 different ideas for him. Thankfully llamas are much easier to draw."


Pacha and Kuzco as a llama


Kuzco, dumb henchman Kronk and Yzma


The evil and not-so-pretty, Yzma

TEEN DREAM

Buzz meets young pop star Kaci

Hi Kaci, what's it like releasing your first single when you're just 13?

It's awesome – this has been my dream since I was nine. It's meant a lot of hard work and sacrifice, but it's amazing. I recorded Paradise for the first time when I was 11, and that's the version that is being released in the UK.

Is life really hectic, promoting your single?

Yes, but hopefully Paradise will be a hit song, a top 10, and then my life's going to be twice as fast as it is already. Even 10 times faster.

Do you like the popstar lifestyle?

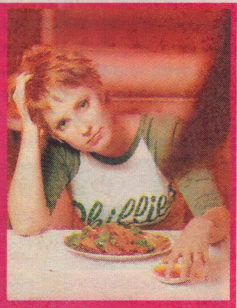
Yes, I love travelling and I make lots of friends wherever I go. And I send e-mails to the people that I meet, so it's lots of fun.

What do you miss when you're away from home?

My friends, my family and my pets. I have two golden retrievers and a bird. My mum found the bird and it could talk, it's a cockateel.

LEIGH'S SOLO NO NO

Sixpence None The Richer singer Leigh Nash tells us about her new single



Why did you record Need To Be Next To You without your band?

Sixpence were in the middle of making our new record, and I was asked to record this track. I said no about 15 times, because I didn't see the point in making a solo track. But eventually they encouraged me to do it.

What was the video shoot like?

It was good but I had to do it twice. I did it once, and it took two days, but afterwards they found out there was something wrong with the colour – so I had to do it all again.

What was it like doing it again?

It was hard. I had a pained looked on my face and I can tell when I see the video that I wasn't having a very good time!

The song is on the soundtrack of the movie Bounce, so did you go to the premiere?

Yes, I went to the New York premiere – and they gave us free popcorn and candy. I saw Gwyneth Paltrow but I was too nervous to go up to her.

Did everyone sit still when your song played at the end?

No, most of the people left, but we sat there in the dark until the very end so that we could listen to it.

HOT!

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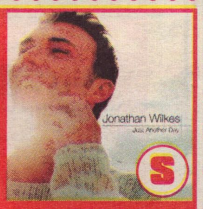


JUST ANOTHER DAY
Jonathan Wilkes
★★★★☆

If the dashing Jonathan Wilkes raises a glimmer of recognition, don't be surprised. This might be his debut single, but you may remember him from his days presenting BBC Choice's Hype show or, if footy's your thing, his appearances in Everton's youth team. But it's in the world of pop where 22-year-old Jonathan really wants to shine. There's lots of hype surrounding Mr Wilkes. He is being touted as the new artist to watch in 2001, and we reckon he'll achieve his dream. This first single is an upbeat, toe-tapping pop tune, that has a very catchy chorus, and is disappointingly over far too quickly. Jonathan might be Robbie's best mate, but we reckon he'll shine on his own soon.

BRITS 2001 ★★★☆☆

The 2001 BRIT Awards take place at London's Earls Court tomorrow evening, and you can catch the TV show on Tuesday, but if you'd like to listen to music from the nominated artists, as well as watch the all-important videos, then this is the DVD for you. The track listing is a roll-call of the best singles from 2000, including Ricky Martin's She Bangs, All Saints' Pure Shores, a1's Same Old Brand New You and Steps' Stomp. Add to that superb videos from Kylie, Craig David, Artful Dodger, Britney, Ronan and S Club 7, and you can see why this DVD is not to be missed. Plus, on DVD, you can play your fave video over and over again in an instant. Excellent stuff!

HE LOVES U NOT Dream ★★★★☆

Every now and then a band explodes on to the music scene with such a fresh, exciting and dynamic new sound, that they literally shake your cobwebs off and leave you longing for more. Enter Dream – a Californian foursome with impressive vocals and a sound that's neither too pop nor too street. In fact, it's hard to believe that they haven't been in the music biz for years. But Dream are actually all under 17 and they're signed to Puff Daddy's Bad Boy Records label. Keep reading Funday for an exclusive interview with Dream soon.

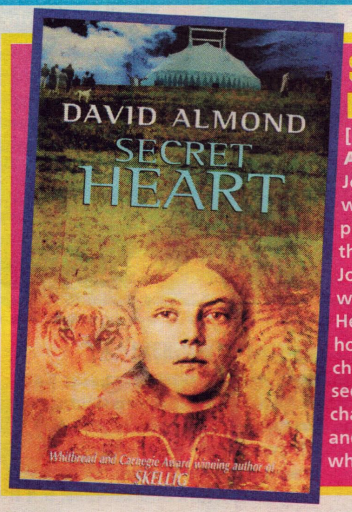
A WHOLE NEW WORLD

It's World Book Day on Thursday, so we've put together an awesome selection of books for you to enjoy

GINNY'S EGG by Pippa Goodhart

[Mammoth, £3.99]
Age: 8+ ★★★★★

Ginny finds a strange egg that hatches into something wonderful and different. But there's also something different about her family's new baby, which has Down's Syndrome. Somehow Ginny's own arrival helps her appreciate her new brother – and realise that what makes him different also makes him very special. A warm and sensitive story that's a true inspiration for everyone who reads it.



SECRET HEART by David Almond

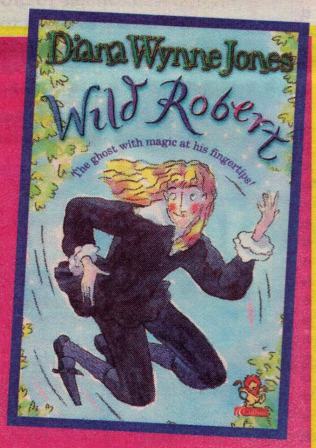
[Hodder, £10]
Age: 10+ ★★★★★

Joe Maloney is a quiet, withdrawn kind of boy who prefers his own company. When the circus turns up in his town, Joe begins a special friendship with trapeze artist Corinna. He draws strength and new hope from the amazing characters he meets who can see his true potential. A life-changing story of hope, love and encouragement for a boy who's been all but written off.

WILD ROBERT by Diana Wynne Jones

[Collins, £3.99]
Age: 8+ ★★★★★

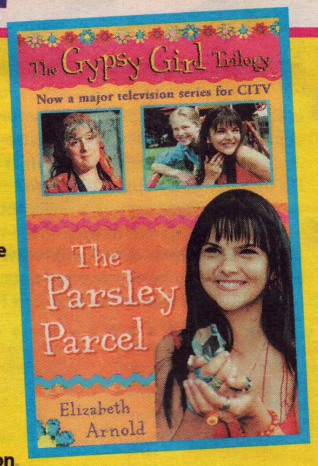
Heather Bayley lives in an old stately home called Castlemaine House where her parents are curators. One day she summons the most charming – and handsome – ghost you can imagine, Robert Toller. But Robert isn't just a ghost, he's a mischievous magician who manages to cause uproar wherever he goes – and Heather has her job cut out keeping him in check. Hugely enjoyable.

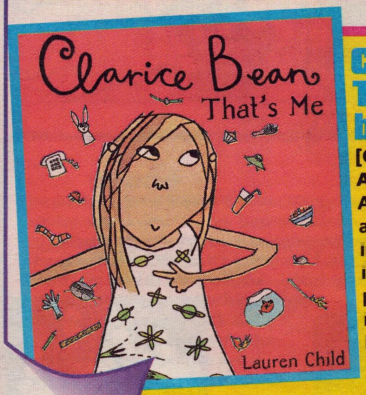


THE PARSLEY PARCEL by Elizabeth Arnold

[Mammoth, £4.99]
Age: 9+ ★★★★☆

If you watch Gypsy Girl on TV, you'll already be familiar with Freya. She's a Chime Child, capable of weaving some extraordinary magic. When Freya's great grandmother makes a prophecy, she must leave the Romany world to fulfil her part. This fascinating and beguiling story will win you over, and there are two further adventures with Freya – Gold and Silver Water and Riot of Red Ribbon.

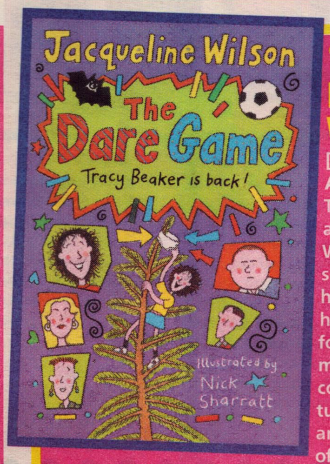




CLARICE BEAN, THAT'S ME by Lauren Child

[Orchard, £4.99]
Age: 6+ ★★★★☆

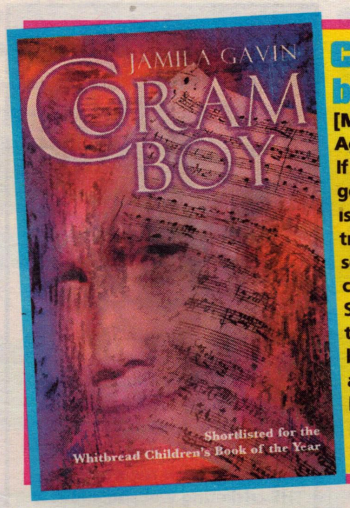
All Clarice Bean wants is peace and quiet but it proves impossible. Her brother Kurt is moody, her sister is too busy pondering boys, and her mum is for ever learning foreign languages in the bath! It's no surprise then when Clarice snaps and tips spaghetti all over her little brother. Her quirky but honest take on family life is an example to us all – and it'll make you roar with laughter.



THE DARE GAME by Jacqueline Wilson

[Corgi, £4.99]
Age: 8+ ★★★★★

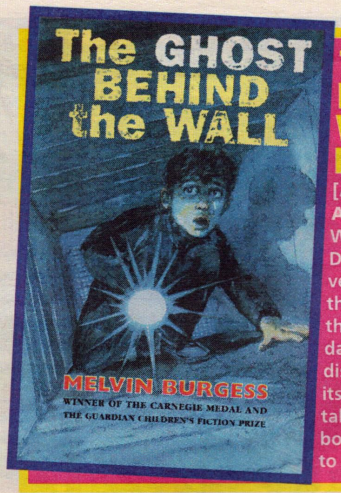
The story of Tracy Beaker was a milestone book for Jacqueline Wilson – she's received letters ever since from readers asking what happened to loudmouth Tracy. Well, here's the answer. Tracy is living with foster-mum Cam, and she's just as modest about her writing! Things get complicated when her real mum turns up. You can't help liking Tracy, and hoping for further instalments of her action-packed life.



CORAM BOY by Jamila Gavin

[Mammoth, £5.99]
Age: 11+ ★★★★★

If you find historical novels heavy going, don't despair. Coram Boy is a fictional epic based on the true story of Thomas Coram, who set up a home for abandoned children in London in 1741. Some of the grim conditions of the time make shocking reading, but this award-winning story is a twisting, gripping tale that will have you ploughing through the pages faster than Sir Steven Redgrave in an Olympic final.



THE GHOST BEHIND THE WALL by Melvin Burgess

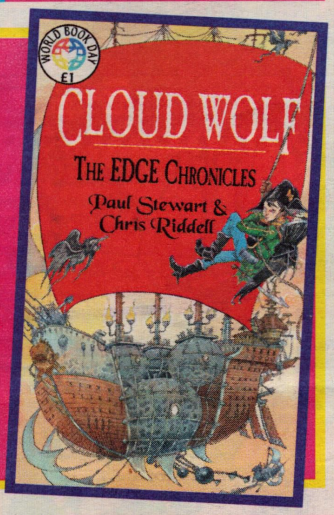
[Andersen, £9.99]
Age: 9+ ★★★★★

While living in Mahogany Villas, David decides to explore the ventilation shaft. As he explores the pipes he encounters a ghost that's trapped inside the dark, dangerous metal tubes of the disused air conditioning. Despite its modern setting, this touching tale of the friendship between a boy and an old man has the power to surprise – and to chill.

CLOUD WOLF by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

[Transworld, £1]
Age: 8+ ★★★★★

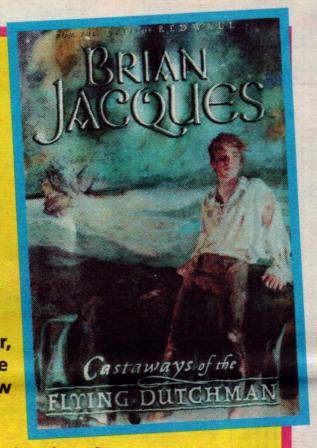
Cloud Wolf is an exciting introduction to The Edge Chronicles, specially published for World Book Day. It tells the tale of a mighty pirate battle staged in the skies. Quint, the son of one of the pirate captains, is about to sample his first full-scale sky battle – and that means there's danger and glory awaiting. Fantasy adventure fans will love every minute of this.



CASTAWAYS OF THE FLYING DUTCHMAN by Brian Jacques

[Puffin, £12.99]
Age: 10+ ★★★★★

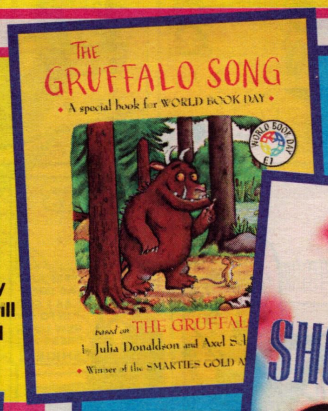
With mad captain Vanderdecken at the helm, the Flying Dutchman is cursed to sail the seas for eternity. Only two castaways escape the legendary Dutchman's fate: Ben and his dog Ned. Unable to grow old and with the ability to speak to each other, boy and dog are destined to travel the world, helping those in need. This new book from master storyteller Brian Jacques combines adventure and mystery to produce a nailbiting story of real quality.

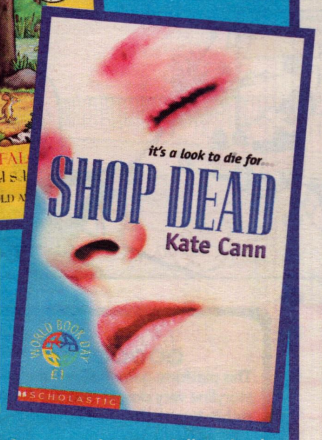


LITTLE WOLF'S POSTBAG by Ian Whybrow

[Collins, £1]
Age: 5+ ★★★★★

Little Wolf has got himself a new job – as "agony nephew" Mister Helpful on Wolf Weekly magazine. Despite his appalling spelling, Little Wolf offers advice on everything, from a quick pick-me-up [jump in the tumble dryer wunce a week] to cubsitting tips [if baby wets his nicknocks the best thing you can do, so he will not get all upset is wet your nicknocks 2]. Guaranteed to make you giggle – and at just £1, it's a bargain.

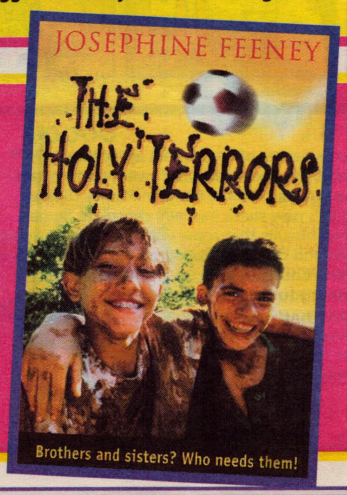




THE HOLY TERRORS by Josephine Feeney

[Collins, £9.99]
Age: 7+ ★★★★★

Gary's family is just the right size. Him, his mum and his dad. The last thing he wants is a baby brother or sister. So Gary and his best mate Roger decide to do something about it and are determined to convince Gary's parents that having a baby is a really, really big mistake. The Holy Terrors is the sequel to Dadhunters. It's a sharp and funny read about families, friends and footie. A great result.



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Thursday 1 March

Plus, look out for two other specially-priced World Book Day books – Shop Dead by Kate Cann and The Gruffalo Song by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

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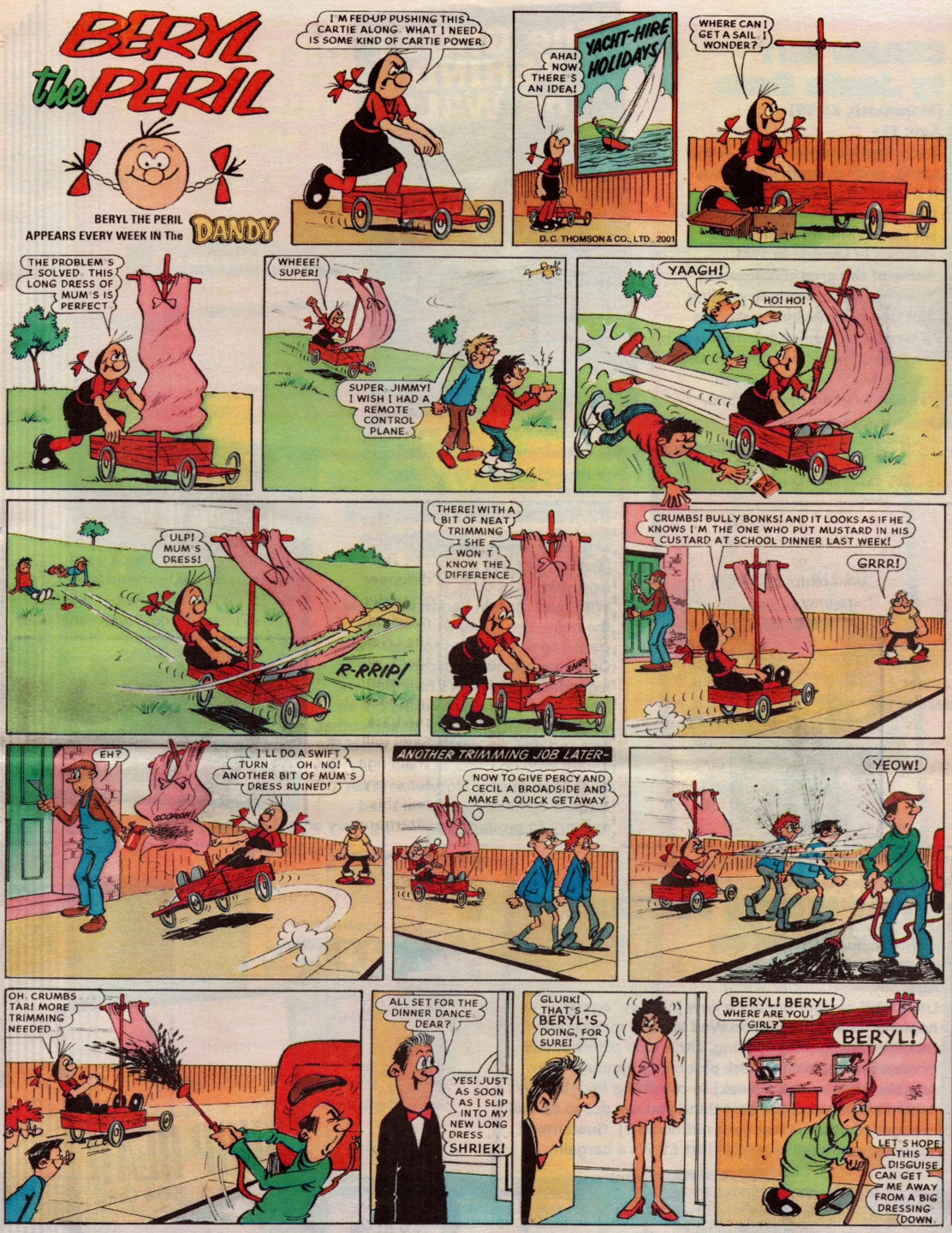
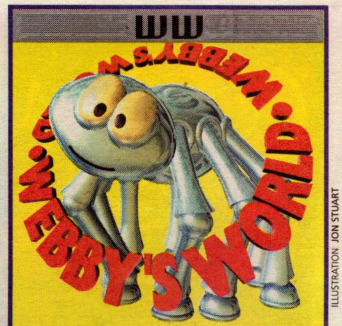
Book reviews: Damian Kelleher and Helen Boyle





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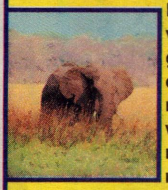

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FRESH!

THE EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE ACTION GAME ★★★★★

This platform game follows the new Disney movie's storyline very closely. You are Emperor Kuzco ... or rather Kuzco after he has been transformed into a llama by the evil Yzma! It's quirky and fun as you have to get used to life as a llama – dodging wild animals, falling down waterfalls – while you make your journey back to the palace. In fact, it's a bit like the silver screen version – a bad title but a surprisingly good diversion that will keep you entertained. Groovy indeed.

PC CD-ROM

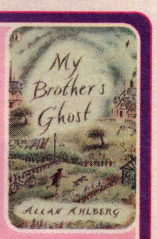
PENGUIN FLIPPER DIPPERS ★★★★★

When a packet of crisps or an apple just WON'T do, and you know that your sweet-tooth needs to be satisfied, try the Penguin Flipper Dipper. McVitie's new snack has mini chocolate flipper-shaped biscuits that come with their own yummy vanilla and chocolate flavoured dip. It's messy and fun and bound to liven up any hungry tum, whether you just want something extra in your lunch box or an after-school treat. Flipping great for those with a sweet-tooth.

FUN FOOD

MY BROTHER'S GHOST
Allan Ahlberg ★★★★★

Allan Ahlberg turns back the clock to 1950s Britain for this tale. The story focuses on Frances who recalls her childhood, drawing us into the moving story of her 10-year-old brother, Tom, who is killed by a milk float. Tom returns as a ghost, forming a new and powerful relationship with Frances and younger brother Harry. An emotive and often poignant ghost story that is sure to touch the hearts of even the most doubting of Thomases. Frightfully good.



BOOK

Beryl's bound to get a dressing down in her dressing gown!

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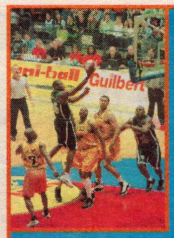
FINAL THOUGHTS

The Worthington Cup final takes place today at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff. Funday gives its verdict on this season's first big football final between Liverpool and First Division Birmingham City



Ball game

If you have a passion for basketball, this is the perfect chance to get a top seat at the game of the year.

The National Indoor Arena in Birmingham will host British basketball's knockout competition – the Uni-ball Trophy final – in March.

Competing teams will be either Sheffield Sharks or Chester Jets against Newcastle Eagles or Thames Valley Tigers.

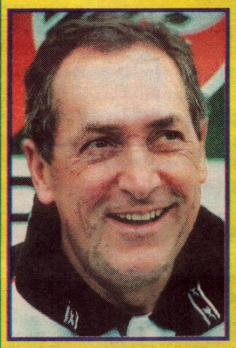
One lucky Funday reader will win a VIP day out for themselves and their family on March 24. They will get top seats at the game, a chance to meet the players, £100 for travel expenses, overnight accommodation and some Uni-ball goodies.

Twenty runners-up will each get family tickets (for two adults, two kids) to the game.

To enter, tell us where basketball originated.

Mark your entry BASKETBALL and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

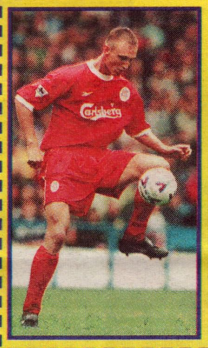
MANAGERS



Gérard Houllier – Liverpool
Although silverware has not been cluttering Liverpool's trophy cabinet since Gérard's arrival, he has slowly built a squad that's on the verge of great things.

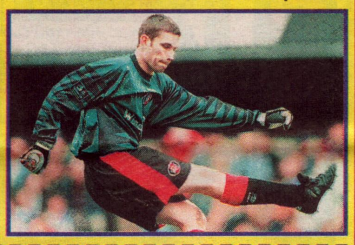
Trevor Francis – Birmingham
The Blues are constantly on the brink of making the Premiership, thanks to Trevor. There may not be any superstars but rest assured he will have his Division One players battling for each other.

DEFENCE



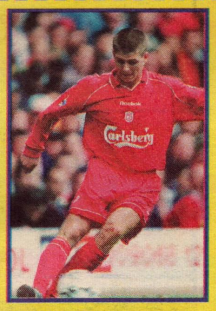
Sami Hyypiä – Liverpool
The Finnish defender is an under-rated part of the Liverpool team. With a commanding presence at the back, Sami will challenge for every ball this afternoon.

Ian Bennett – Birmingham
Expect Liverpool to have a few shots at goal this afternoon but a good performance from Ian could frustrate the Reds. He's a fine shot stopper who has attracted interest from Premiership clubs.



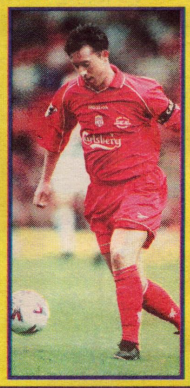
MIDFIELD

Steven Gerrard – Liverpool
When fully fit, Steven is easily England's most complete all-round midfielder. As well as being strong in the tackle, Steven possesses a vicious shot and a clever array of passing.



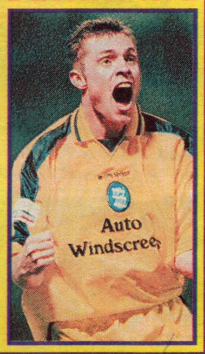
Stan Lazaridis – Birmingham
This skilful Aussie winger will be flying down the flanks supplying teasing crosses for his strikers. The former West Ham star is also more than capable of cutting in and scoring for himself.

Robbie Fowler – Liverpool
Since his troubles earlier in the season, Robbie is now back to his best. As well as being an instinctive goal-scorer it's Robbie's team play that is often overlooked.



STRIKERS

Geoff Horsfield – Birmingham
The Blues' record signing was a match winner in the semi-final against Ipswich with two goals. With a similar performance today the aggressive front man could well cause problems.



Funday verdict: Despite beating three Premiership sides (Tottenham, Newcastle and Ipswich) on the way to the final, it's very hard to see Birmingham winning this afternoon. Liverpool are in fantastic form and have too many big game players in Michael Owen, Nick Barmby, Vladimir Smicer and Jari Litmanen. Birmingham's only hope is to harry the Reds into making mistakes. We expect Liverpool to win 2-0.

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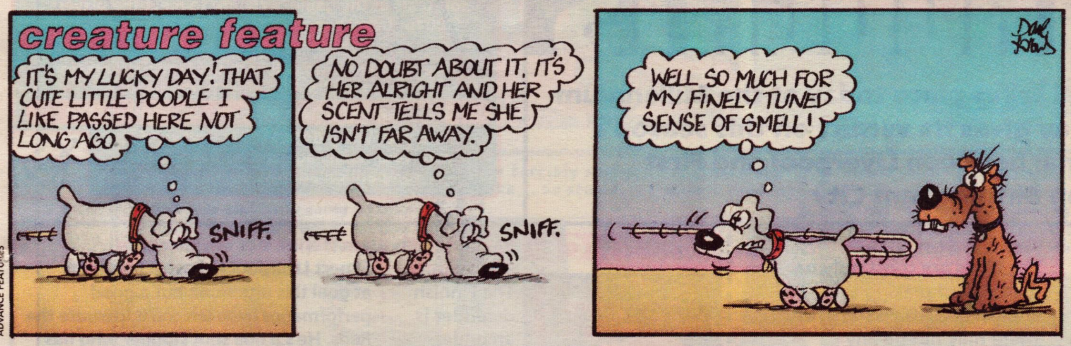
Catch the Worthington Cup final on Sky Sports 2 from 2pm today – kick-off 3pm



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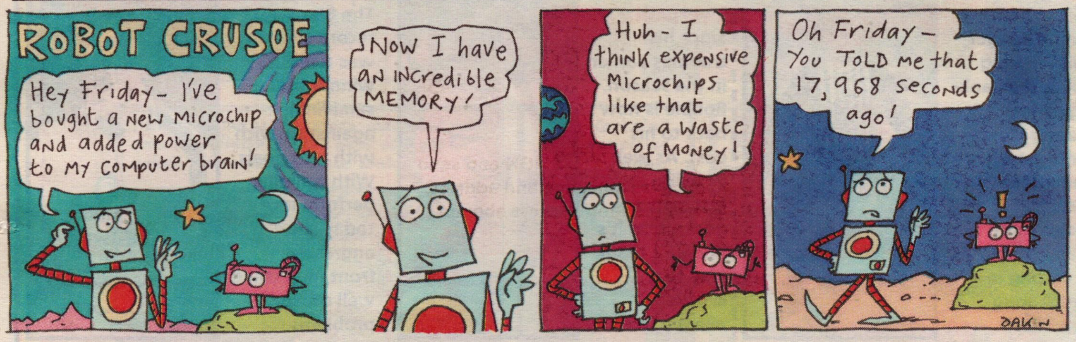


NEXT WEEK

PICTURE JAMIE HUGHES

The time to party is now getting very close, Funday's 600th issue on March 11 is just two weeks away!

Hannah and the rest of the S Club 7 gang will be making a special appearance but we can't tell you exactly what they will be up to yet ... it's a Funday secret!

f-mail

Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

IT'S MONSTER!

Digital Monsters are back for new adventures on March 19 with the video release of Digimon: Volume Three (RRP £9.99). To celebrate, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment is offering the star f-mail writer a Bush VCR player and a copy of the latest video. The other f-mailers will receive the new video plus volumes one and two.

STAR

Dear f-mail,
There should be a Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? for children, where the prizes would start from £5 and go up to £500. There could be different age groups on different nights so it would be fair. I think it would be a success because children love the adult version and they would love a children's show even more because they would know the answers. On the adult version, after you get past the fifth or sixth question children start to lose interest because they don't know the answers. If there was a children's version they would be interested all the way through.
Max Lane, 11, Dublin

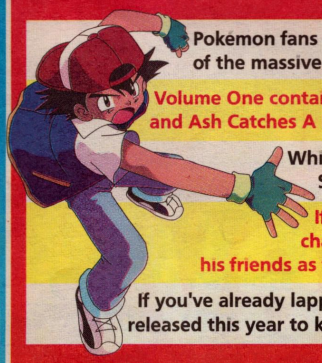
Maddie Eckert, Chalvington

Don't forget you can e-mail your jokes and letters to f-mail at funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

FUN Competitions!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY. Competition deadline: March 7
You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk

Gotta catch it all!



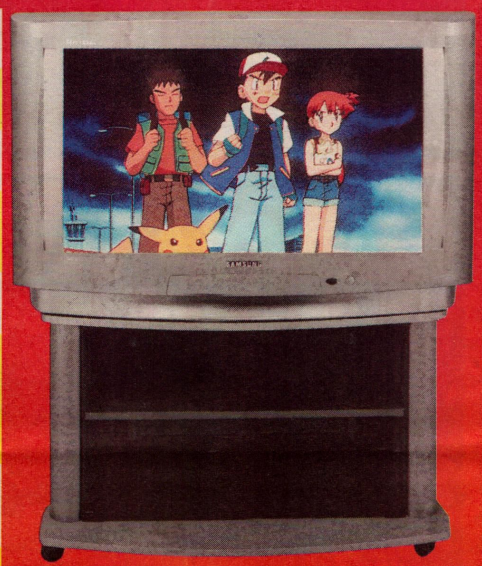
Pokemon fans are dashing to the shops this month as the first two volumes of the massive Pokemon TV series are released on video.

Volume One contains TV episodes I Choose You! Pikachu!, Pokemon Emergency! and Ash Catches A Pokemon.

While on Volume Two you can catch Challenge Of The Samurai, Showdown In Pewter City and Clefairy And The Moon Stone.

If you've missed the excitement so far, this is the perfect chance to get to grips with the adventures of Ash Ketchum and his friends as they strive to become the world's greatest Pokemon trainers.

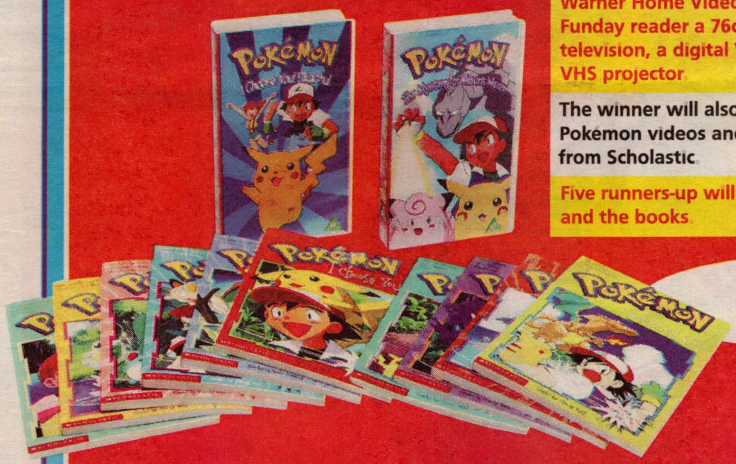
If you've already lapped them up don't worry – eight more volumes will be released this year to keep you entertained.

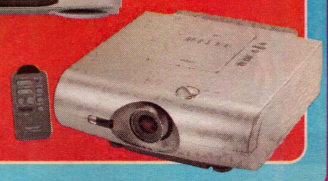


To celebrate the launch of the collection Warner Home Video is offering one lucky Funday reader a 76cm widescreen television, a digital VCR and a Sharp VHS projector.

The winner will also receive a pair of Pokemon videos and a set of 12 books from Scholastic.

Five runners-up will each get the videos and the books.





To enter, tell us the names of three Pokémon.

Mark your entry POKÉMON and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

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Dear f-mail,
I disagree with Andrew Underwood (issue 596). I don't think fox hunting should be banned. The foxes aren't innocent, they are a pest to farmers. Foxes are more cruel than we are, instead of killing one animal, foxes can kill a whole coop of chickens. If you want to ban it, you will have to ban fishing and shooting as well. Apart from that another British tradition will be gone forever.
Caroline Nicoll, via e-mail

PICTURE: AP

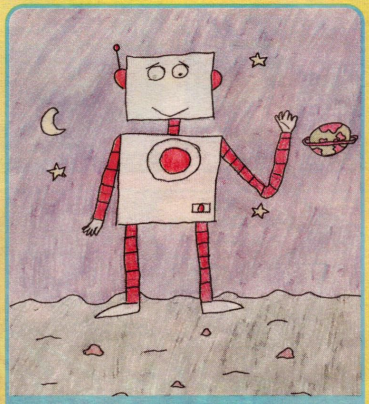
What happened to the lady who slept with her head under the pillow?

When she woke up she found the tooth fairy had taken all her teeth out!

What happened to the lady who dreamt she was eating a giant marshmallow?

When she woke up she found that her pillow had disappeared!

Oran Gordon, 11, Edgware



Sophie Lealan, 10, London

Dear f-mail,
Computers and the internet are great, but nowadays almost everybody uses them without thinking. For instance, at school when a teacher asks for an essay, people can just copy and paste information from the net and then print it – telling the teacher they did it! People have brains that they should use, and hands to write and draw. If you don't you could become a mindless zombie.
Lucien Pang, 12, Teddington

Got a great joke for our birthday issue on March 11? E-mail it today!

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